

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims as follows.

1. (currently amended) A method including:
constructing, using a first computing device, a first profile utilizing first information concerning a profile subject, wherein the first information is provided by the profile subject and read access to the first profile is limited to the profile subject and denied to a host computer that hosts the first profile; and
constructing a second profile utilizing second information concerning the profile subject, wherein the second information is provided by ~~a further entity,~~ an entity other than the profile subject;
~~wherein performing a profile search is performed against the both the first and second profiles and wherein a search result is processed according to a publication policy specified by the profile subject;~~ and
processing a result of the search according to a publication policy specified by the profile subject.
2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein write access to the first profile is limited to the profile subject.
3. (canceled)
4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein search access to the first profile is extended beyond the profile subject.
5. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~6~~ 4 wherein the search access to the first profile is unrestricted.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein write access to the second profile is limited to the ~~further~~other entity.
7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein read access to the second profile is limited to the ~~further~~other entity.
8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein search access to the second profile is extended beyond the ~~further user~~other entity.
9. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein the search access to the second profile is unrestricted.
10. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the publication policy specifies that the profile subject is to be prompted for authorization to publish the search result.
11. (currently amended) The method of claim 10 wherein the publication policy specifies that the profile subject is to be prompted for authorization to publish the search result when the search registers a match with respect to the second profile.
12. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the first profile includes a public profile portion and a private profile portion, and wherein the publication policy specifies that the profile subject be prompted for authorization to publish the search result when the search registers a match with respect to the private profile portion.
13. (original) The method of claim 10 wherein the authorization is to publish the search result to an initiator of the search.
14. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the publication policy specifies that the search result is to be published without independent authorization by the profile subject.

15. (currently amended) The method of claim 14 wherein the first profile includes a public profile portion and a private profile portion, and wherein the publication policy specifies that the search result is to be published without the independent authorization by the profile subject when the search generates a match against the public profile portion.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the publication policy specifies that the search result is not to be published.

17. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the publication policy includes a rule authored by the profile subject.

18. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the publication policy specifies at least one search criteria to be applied when a profile search is performed against any one of the first and second profiles.

19. (original) The method of claim 18 wherein the search criteria defines a requirement for the performance of the profile search.

20. (currently amended) The method of claim 19 wherein the ~~requirements~~ requirement is that the profile search be related to specific subject matter.

21. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the first and second profiles form respective portions of a common profile.

22. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the first and second profiles reside at separate and distinct network location.

23. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the first and second profiles reside at a common network ~~locations~~ location.

24. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the profile search is performed against a plurality of profiles and wherein the search result is processed according to the publication policy.

25. (canceled)

26. (currently amended) A system including:

a profile system to store in a machine readable medium a profile concerning a profile subject, the profile including a first profile including first descriptive information concerning the profile subject and provided by the profile subject, and a second profile including second descriptive information concerning the profile subject and provided by ~~a further entity~~, an entity other than the profile subject, wherein read access to the first profile is limited to the profile subject and denied to a host computer that hosts the first profile; and

a matching system to perform a profile search against the first and second profiles, and to process a search result, generated by the profile search, according to a publication policy specified by the profile subject.

27. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the first information includes terms indicative of a knowledge base of the profile subject.

28. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein constructing the first profile is in response to a request from the profile subject and constructing the second profile is in response to a request from the other entity.

29. (new) The method of claim 10, wherein the publishing is to a third party.